



State of Washington

## **DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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### **DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** CANYON CREEK FISH LADDER AND HATCHERY WORK

**Description of Proposal:**

The proposed work consists of fish passage improvements in Canyon Creek at the existing Canyon Creek diversion dam, including the construction of a cast-in-place concrete vertical-slot fish ladder within the left bank of the creek and under the existing Clallam County road bridge. The existing dam and proposed improvements are located approximately 530 feet upstream from Canyon Creek's confluence with the Dungeness River on a portion of the 95-acre WDFW Dungeness Fish Hatchery property.

Incorporated in the fish ladder design are a new water intake and approximately 120 feet of relocated pipeline. These will replace the existing intake and a portion of the existing pipeline, which currently provide a source of water to the hatchery.

To allow new construction to take place, portions of the existing trash rack, flume and water intake at the northerly end of the dam will be removed. The removed items and any debris resulting from demolition will be collected and disposed of at an approved upland location, out of the creek flood zone. Approximately 870 cy of rock and soil will be excavated and removed from the left bank to allow construction of the proposed fish ladder.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Dungeness Fish Hatchery  
1261 Fish Hatchery Road, Sequim, WA 98382; , Clallam County; Section 12, Township 29  
North, Range 04 West WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **December 27, 2012**

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** December 12, 2012

**SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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